

# LIFETIMES



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## *"I am NOT a Knucklehead!"*



**Fateem**, age 24, lives with Keina, age 21, but is not the father of her two children, ages 8 months and 4 years).

She was undecided about keeping the child. After seeing Harder Truth, Keina said it was "horrible; Fateem was equally upset by what he saw. Keina stated that she was a Christian, but admits that she's strayed from Him in the past two years. Dianne, a Gateway volunteer, spoke with her about the need to develop her relationship to the Lord

We spoke to him about his responsibility. He insisted that he was not like the father of Keina's two children, who abandoned her. He told us **"I am not a knucklehead!"**\*. We agreed. We shared with him about his need for Christ. After seeing the 'Harder Truth', Keina said that she would carry the baby to term and may even consider adoption. We recently checked in with her. She is due in January!

\* **knucklehead** - a word used to express a low opinion of someone's intelligence. Syn. Numskull, bonehead, dunce. A word popularized by the Three Stooges. Recently uttered by Bill Cosby "These people marched and were hit in the face with rocks to get an education, and now we've got these knuckleheads walking around."

Obviously, Fateem took exception to this phrase and felt that he was trying to be responsible. His presence at Gateway and his desire to take care of his girlfriend (by not going along with an abortion) shows once again that young people aren't 'stupid' just 'ignorant' of the truth of abortion. We're thankful for the video 'The Harder Truth' which challenges young people to see abortion for what it really is.

**Note:** Gateway presently has NO male volunteer counselors to speak to young men like Fateem. Is the Lord speaking to you about getting involved? **Male volunteers are needed in both Irvington and Elizabeth.** Please let us know if you'd like to receive training prior to working with the many boyfriends and husbands who come to Gateway.



**Our recent Volunteer Training class .. plan now to join the next class in September!**

## Prayer needed!



"For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints."  
*Hebrews 6:10*

**Geoff Jones**, Gateway-Elizabeth's male counselor, recovering from a partial stroke and hip replacement.

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK...

Rev. Dean Gavaris

### *“Gateway needs a few good men!”*

A few months ago, Gateway had three male counselors. Since then, one has stepped down because of personal reasons, one has moved to another state, and one is hospitalized following a stroke. We now have **no male counselors** .. but we still have boyfriends and husbands who accompany the many females we see each month. If you or someone you know feels the Lord's leading, please contact us. We could use you in Elizabeth or Irvington. Our desire for these men remains the same ..” *to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.*” Acts 26:18



#### **Shaquana,**

age 15, lives in the Bronx (NY). She attended the NJ Christian Ministries Convention last Fall. Someone who attended our chastity workshop gave her a tape. The tape (“How To Know That You’re In Love”) is produced by Focus on the Family.

Shaquana listened to it on the train, which she takes to school. In late May, Shaquana called us saying that she has been convicted about her relationship with her boyfriend. She is a recent Christian; he is not. We sent her information on dating and Christian living. She’s called many times to discuss whether she should continue to date this non-believer.

Pray for Virginia as she counsels her by telephone. Praise God for the NJCMC (held at Hawthorne Gospel Church every fall) for the FOTF ministry and for the unique ways he reaches out to believers who truly wish to do the right thing.

#### **Michelle’s Story**

*“It seems that through you the Lord was still calling me.”*



**Michelle**, age 19, came to Christ in 1999, but she walked away from Him for a while. Her boyfriend, Alex, is unsaved. In late September of last year, Michelle called Gateway-Elizabeth, seeking an abortion.

She related to us that her stepfather had sexually abused her at age 5, her natural father had physically abused her, and now the father of her unborn baby wanted her to abort.

She came very close to aborting this baby, but walked out of the 700 N. Broad Street abortion facility (near the previous Gateway-Elizabeth office).

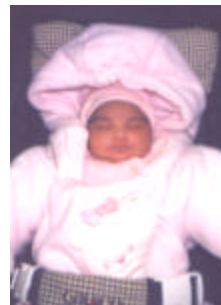
Now Michelle was at 65 Jefferson Avenue – receiving counsel, getting an ultrasound – finding out that she was really 6 months pregnant! Last month, she had a baby girl named Unique on January 21, 2004.

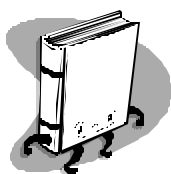
Right before she had her baby she wrote us this note:

*“Dear Joan. It’s great to know that someone cares. I’m happy..I’m having my baby and I have you and the people at Gateway to thank.*

***After Alex saw the video, it got him to think about what crime we were about to commit. It seems that through you the Lord was still calling me.***

*I think what you are doing at Gateway is what God sent you to do..to protect unborn angels. I just want to let you know that you made a difference in my life.”*





## REAL LIFE STORIES



**19-day old Jason** rests comfortably at Gateway. His mom considered adoption for over a month after he was born. Bethany Christian Services helped her sort out the pro's and con's. She decided to parent the baby. She's very grateful to Bethany Christian Services and Gateway (especially volunteer Irene Johnson) for all their help!



### An undecided believer?

**Christiana**, age 21, knows the Lord. She's very upset about being pregnant and unmarried. After seeing the 'Harder Truth' she said she "feels abortion is wrong" ..yet she's still considering it. Pray that she sees abortion as a grievous sin against the one who saved her soul.

### WHERE WE'VE BEEN AND WHERE WE'RE GOING

- January**  
**18** Budd Lake Chapel, Budd Lake, NJ – am SOHL  
**22** Right to Life Rally in Trenton, NJ  
**25** Grace Orthodox Presbyterian (Sunday School and am Sanctity of Life message)
- February**  
**6** West Essex Baptist Church (Livingston, NJ) youth group message on chastity  
**21** Orchard Park CMA (Union, NJ) Baby Shower
- March**  
**7** Calvary Tabernacle (Elizabeth, NJ) am - Sanctity of Human Life message  
**8** East Coast School of Urban Ministry, @ The Hope Center, Elizabeth, NJ  
 Dean and Joan teaching 3 of 7 sessions on CPC's  
**8-10** Infant Adoption Awareness Training, Plainsboro, NJ - {Five of our staff took this 3-day training}  
**23** Bethany Evangelical Free Church (W. Orange, NJ) 'Center for Champions' after school program – chastity talk to 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> grade girls
- April**  
**3** Timothy Christian School Parents "ACT" group: "Teaching Chastity To Youth" training

- 16** Golf Rally @ Evangel Baptist, Springfield -eve  
**21** Seton Hall University, S. Orange, NJ - Baby Shower & message on pregnancy / abortion  
**23** Evangel Baptist, Springfield, NJ - Missions Conference message (pm) and Sat. breakfast

- May**  
**1** National Day of Prayer Breakfast (message) – W. Milford NJ  
**15** First Annual Golf and Walk-for-Life

- June**  
**5** One-Day Adoption Training Seminar 8:30-4:30pm @ Evangel Baptist Church, Springfield, NJ  
**10, 12, 17 and 19** - Gateway Volunteer Training

- August**  
**TBA** – Chestnut St. Community Church, Roselle, NJ – chastity/abortion (youth group)  
**4** First Filipino Baptist Church, Bayonne (youth group) 7:30- "The Harder Truth"  
 8:30 – "A Challenge to Purity"

- September**  
**16, 18, 23, and 25** – Gateway Volunteer Training

- October**  
**29-30** NJ Christian Ministries Conference, Hawthorne, NJ

- November 2004**  
**18** Gateway's annual Stewardship Banquet @ Galloping Hill Inn, Union, NJ

**Lives affected**  
**1985 through June 2004**

Women Seen	Babies Born	Coming to Christ
17,985	1,540	856

### Have you checked out the Gateway website?



Logon to [www.gateway.org](http://www.gateway.org) ..  
 and be sure to read our Blog!

# PICTURE GALLERY



*Many thanks to...*



..the large youth group at **West Essex Baptist Church**, Livingston, who heard our challenge for purity – *February 6, 2004*



**NJ home school group**, headed by Carol Lintao (second from left). (March 4<sup>th</sup>.) We thank them also for participating in Gateway's Baby Bottle fundraiser



.. to the ladies fellowship of **Orchard Park CMA Church**, Union, NJ for their baby shower for us - *February 21, 2004*



**Calvary Tabernacle** (Cranford, NJ) prayed for our staff and allowed us to share about "His Passion for Us" - *March 7, 2004*



Dean shared about the need for sexual purity to the after school girls group at **Bethany EFC**, W. Orange, NJ – *March 23<sup>rd</sup>*.



We also shared about "Taking Leadership in sharing chastity with your sons and daughters" "at the 'Purity Seminar' hosted by **Timothy Christian School** – *April 3, 2004*



Thanks to the pro-life students at **Seton Hall**, who held a baby shower for Gateway on *April 21<sup>st</sup>*. Dean shared about the need to come to Christ.



Dean spoke at the **National Day of Prayer** at Shiloh Baptist Church, W. Milford NJ – *May 1, 2004*



**Nancy Dysktra-Powers**, director of Bethany Christian Services led a one-day Adoption training for 20 staff and friends of the ministry on *June 5, 2004*



**Garwood Presbyterian Church** held their own Walk-a-thon to benefit Gateway on *June 13<sup>th</sup>*.

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